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REMARKS

This amendment is submitted with a request for a one month extension, appropriate fee and a Request for Continued Examination in response to the final Office Action dated November 2, 2005. Claims 1-8 currently stand rejected. Applicants have amended claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 to correct formalities related to antecedent basis. No new issues are created by the amendment, which adds no new matter.

In light of the remarks presented below, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all now-pending claims of the present application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102

Claims 1-8 currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by McEachern et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,536,979, hereinafter "McEachern"). Applicants respectfully traverse.

Independent claims 1-6 each recite, *inter alia*, a charging device including a primary side coil and an induction core which penetrates through the primary side coil, and a secondary side coil which allows the induction core to pass therethrough. In other words, the induction core penetrates through both the primary side coil and the secondary side coil.

McEachern is directed to a charging device for a handheld rechargeable electric apparatus. However, contrary to the claimed invention, McEachern clearly shows in FIG. 1 and describes at col. 2, line 58 to col. 3, line 12, that the primary transformer winding (9) is penetrated by a primary core (8), while the secondary coil (3) is penetrated by a separate core, namely the secondary core (4). Thus, McEachern fails to teach or suggest a single induction core that penetrates through both the primary transformer winding (9) and the secondary coil (3). Accordingly, McEachern fails to teach or suggest a charging device including a primary side coil and an induction core which penetrates through the primary side coil, and a secondary side coil which allows the induction core to pass therethrough as recited in independent claims 1-6. Therefore, the rejection of independent claims 1-6 are overcome.

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Claims 7 and 8 depend directly from independent claims 1 and 4, respectively, and thus include all the recitations of their respective independent claims. Therefore, the rejections of dependent claims 7 and 8 are overcome for at least the same reasons as given above for independent claims 1 and 4.

For all the reasons stated above, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections of claims 1-8 are overcome.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the amendment and the remarks submitted above, it is respectfully submitted that the present claims are in condition for immediate allowance. It is therefore respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued. The Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to resolve any remaining issues in order to expedite examination of the present invention.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

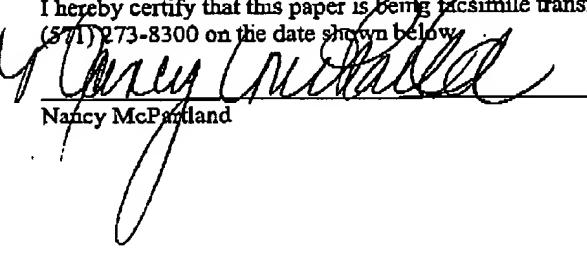


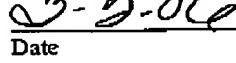
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